

John Lambert to Andrew Jackson, January 8, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN LAMBERT TO JACKSON.¹

¹ This note, signed "Lambert, Major-General", arrived before Jackson's line under a flag of truce "early in the afternoon" of Jan. 8. It will be noted that it was not until Jan. 11, when several notes had been exchanged between the two commanders, that Jackson raised the question of Lambert's authority. Major Tatum tells us he did it then to satisfy himself as to the fate of Pakenham, Gibbs, and Keane. See *Smith College Studies in History*, VII. 131.

British Camp, January 8, 1815.

Sir, Having observed the humane attention that has been shewn to several wounded close to your Lines, by affording them immediate assistance I have to request you will have the goodness to direct that a Return of Officers by name, as well as soldiers may be sent to me; and it would be a satisfaction, as numbers are now laying there dead, and perhaps more wounded, to allow an unarmed party to bury the former, or bring such away whose cases are dangerous.

I have the honor to be Sir Your Most Obedient, Humble Servant.